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TO: Each Supervisor

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SUBJECT: KING/DREW MEDICAL CENTER ACTIVITY REPORT – WEEK ENDING  
July 8, 2005

This is to provide you with an activity report for the week ending July 8, 2005 for King/Drew Medical Center (KDMC).

- **Hospital Advisory Board**

- The Hospital Advisory Board is meeting on July 11. They will be recommending replacement members for the two resignations by Woodrow Meyers and Michael Drake, MD.
- The Ad Hoc Steering Committee continues to meet weekly to review operations and other key issues.

- **Physicians**

- Another Radiologist resigned last week. The staffing is still being pieced together to achieve coverage each week. Navigant is continuing to work with DHS and County Counsel to process a new agreement for teleradiology services. Backlog has stabilized.
- A training session on acute abdominal pain was conducted last week with some of the Department Chairs. The intent is to identify opportunities for improvement in patient care. The training was well received.

- ***Nursing***

- The Clinical Director for Medical-Surgical Nursing has been filled with the recruitment of a new permanent County employee who will start July 18, 2005.
- Three additional candidates for the Chief Nursing Officer position have been interviewed. Two of the candidates from the total interview pool will be moved to the next level of interviews.
- The need for additional Intensive Care Unit beds continues to create backups in the Emergency Department. We will be opening two more Intensive Care Unit beds this week. There are still two more beds to open once we have sufficient staffing.
- Based on feedback from the State Department of Health Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services visit we initiated EMTALA and Triage training two weeks ago. Ninety-five percent of the nursing staff has completed the training.

- ***Pharmacy***

- The Director of Pharmacy position has been filled with the recruitment of a new permanent County employee who will start July 18, 2005.

- ***Health Information Management (Medical Records)***

- Clinical pertinence chart review continues. The chart reviews are now being completed concurrently by coders on the units. This is important preparation for the Joint Commission for Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations accreditation visit.

- ***Employee and Community Forums***

- The CEO attended a community forum led by Congresswoman Maxine Waters and Supervisor Burke.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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